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- TI Two novel superantigens found in both group a and group C streptococcus.
- AU **Proft Thomas**; Webb Phillip D; Handley Vanessa; **Fraser John**
- CS Department of Molecular Medicine and Pathology, Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand.
- SO INFECTION AND IMMUNITY, (2003 Mar) 71 (3) 1361-9. Journal code: 0246127. ISSN: 0019-9567.
- CY United States
- DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)
- LA English
- FS IN-PROCESS; NONINDEXED; Priority Journals
- ED Entered STN: 20030222 Last Updated on STN: 20030222
- AB Two novel streptococcal superantigen genes (speL(Se) and speM(Se)) were identified from the Streptococcus equi genome database at the Sanger Center. Genotyping of 8 S. equi isolates and 40 Streptococcus pyogenes isolates resulted in the detection of the orthologous genes speL and speM in a restricted number of S. pyogenes isolates (15 and 5%, respectively). Surprisingly, the novel superantigen genes could not be found in any of the analyzed S. equi isolates. The results suggest that both genes are located on a mobile element that enables gene transfer between individual isolates and between streptococci from different Lancefield groups. S. equi pyrogenic exotoxin L (SPE-L(Se))/streptococcal pyrogenic exotoxin L (SPE-M(Se)/SPE-M are most closely related to SMEZ,

SPE-C, SPE-G, and SPE-J, but build a separate branch within this group. Recombinant SPE-L (rSPE-L) and rSPE-M were highly mitogenic for human peripheral blood lymphocytes, with half-maximum responses at 1 and 10 pg/ml, respectively. The results from competitive binding experiments suggest that both proteins bind major histocompatibility complex class II at the beta-chain, but not at the alpha-chain. The most common targets for both toxins were human Vbetal.1 expressing T cells. Seroconversion against SPE-L and SPE-M was observed in healthy blood donors, suggesting that the toxins are expressed in vivo. Interestingly, the speL gene is highly associated with S. pyogenes M89, a serotype that is linked to acute rheumatic fever in New Zealand.

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- AN 2002:513642 BIOSIS
- DN PREV200200513642
- TI The bacterial superantigen streptococcal mitogenic exotoxin Z is the major immunoactive agent of Streptococcus pyogenes.
- AU Unnikrishnan, Meera; Altmann, Daniel M.; Proft, Thomas; Wahid, Faisal; Cohen, Jonathan; Fraser, John D.; Sriskandan, Shiranee (1)
- CS (1) Department of Infectious Diseases, Faculty of Medicine, Hammersmith Hospital, Imperial College School of Science, Technology, and Medicine, Du Cane Road, London, W12 ONN: s.sriskandan@ic.ac.uk UK
- SO Journal of Immunology, (September 1, 2002) Vol. 169, No. 5, pp. 2561-2569. http://www.jimmunol.org/. print. ISSN: 0022-1767.
- DT Article
- LA English
- AB The gene encoding streptococcal mitogenic exotoxin Z (
 SMEZ) was disrupted in Streptococcus pyogenes. Despite
 the presence of other superantigen genes, mitogenic responses in

human and murine HLA-DO transgenic cells were abrogated when cells were stimulated with supernatant from the smez- mutant compared with the parent strain. Remarkably, disruption of smez led to a complete inability to elicit cytokine production (TNF-alpha, lymphotoxin-alpha, IFN-gamma, IL-1 and -8) from human cells, when cocultured with streptococcal supernatants. The potent effects of SMEZ were apparent even though transcription and expression of SMEZ were barely detectable. Human Vbeta8+ T cell proliferation in response to S. pyogenes was SMEZ-dependent. Cells from HLA-DQ8 transgenic mice were 3 logs more sensitive to SMEZ-13 than cells from HLA-DR1 transgenic or wild-type mice. In the mouse, SMEZ targeted the human Vbeta8+ TCR homologue, murine Vbetall, at the expense of other TCR T cell subsets. Expression of SMEZ did not affect bacterial clearance or survival from peritoneal streptococcal infection in HLA-DQ8 mice, though effects of SMEZ on pharyngeal infection are unknown. Infection did lead to a rise in Vbetall+ T cells in the spleen which was partly reversed by disruption of the smez gene. Most strikingly, a clear rise in murine Vbeta4+ cells was seen in mice infected with the smez- mutant S. pyogenes strain, indicating a potential role for SMEZ as a repressor of cognate anti-streptococcal responses.

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- DN PREV200100345369
- TI Pyrogenicity and cytokine-inducing properties of **Streptococcus** pyogenes superantigens: Comparative study of **streptococcal** mitogenic exotoxin Z and pyrogenic exotoxin A.
- AU Muller-Alouf, Heide; Proft, Thomas; Zollner, Thomas M.; Gerlach, Dieter; Champagne, Eric; Desreumaux, Pierre; Fitting, Catherine; Geoffroy-Fauvet, Christiane; Alouf, Joseph E.; Cavaillon, Jean-Marc (1)
- CS (1) Department of Physiopathology, Institut Pasteur, 28 Rue Docteur Roux, 75015, Paris: jmcavail@pasteur.fr France
- SO Infection and Immunity, (June, 2001) Vol. 69, No. 6, pp. 4141-4145. print. ISSN: 0019-9567.
- DT Article
- LA English
- SL English
- AB Streptococcal mitogenic exotoxin Z (SMEZ), a superantigen derived from Streptococcus pyogenes, provoked expansion of human lymphocytes expressing the Vbeta 2, 4, 7 and 8 motifs of T-cell receptor. SMEZ was pyrogenic in rabbits and stimulated the expression of the T-cell activation markers CD69 and cutaneous lymphocyte-associated antigen. A variety of cytokines was released by human mononuclear leukocytes stimulated with SMEZ, which was 10-fold more active than streptococcal pyrogenic exotoxin A. Th2-derived cytokines were elicited only by superantigens and not by streptococcal cells.
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- AN 2002:188931 BIOSIS
- DN PREV200200188931
- TI Molecular analysis of the immunological role of **streptococcal** mitogenic exotoxin Z.
- AU Unnikrishnan, M. (1); Altmann, D. (1); Proft, T.; Fraser, J. D.; Cohen, J. (1); Sriskandan, S. (1)
- CS (1) Imperial College School of Medicine, London UK
- SO Abstracts of the General Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology, (2001) Vol. 101, pp. 280. http://www.asmusa.org/mtgsrc/generalmeeting.htm. print.

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LA English

AB

Streptococcal mitogenic exotoxin Z is the most potent bacterial superantigen discovered to date. The biological function of SMEZ is unclear, but it may play a critical role in streptococcal pathogenesis; the gene is present in all strains studied and demonstrates extensive allelic variation. Aim: To characterize the immunological role of SMEZ in vitro and in vivo. Methods: SmeZ was insertionally inactivated in a clinical Streptococcus pyogenes strain, H293, to create strain H377. Proliferation of human PBMC, murine BALB/c, and HLA class II transgenic mouse splenocytes in response to purified rSMEZ, SMEZ+ and SMEZ-culture supernatants was measured by thymidine incorporation. Analysis of TCR Vbeta bearing T cell populations was performed by flow cytometry in human and murine cells. Mice were infected i.p. with either H293 or H377 and TCR Vbeta repertoire changes in spleen T cells were measured following infection. Results: Targeted disruption of smeZ was confirmed by Southern hybridisation and PCR. Despite the low level of expression of SMEZ in H293, disruption of smeZ led to a six-fold diminution of T cell proliferation in supernatant-stimulated human PBMC and a specific reduction in expansion of Vbeta8+ T cells. BALB/c mice splenocytes were poorly responsive to rSMEZ and did not proliferate in response to H293 or H377 supernatant. HLA-DQ transgenic murine spleen cells were highly responsive to rSMEZ compared with wild type and HLA-DR transgenic mice cells. HLA-DQ spleen cells were also highly responsive to H293 supernatant; proliferation was abolished by disruption of smeZ rSMEZ caused specific expansion of murine TCR Vbetall+ (human TCR Vbeta8 gene homolog) T cells. In vivoexperiments demonstrated expansion of mTCR Vbetall cells following infection with H293 in spleen; this expansion was significantly reduced in mice infected with H377 in the spleen, confirming that SMEZ can cause a superantigen effect in vivo, in invasive murine streptococcal sepsis. Conclusion: We clearly demonstrate the potency and TCR Vbeta-specific effects of SMEZ. Our results suggest a definite role for this superantigen in streptococcal pathogenesis.

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AN 2000-452370 [39] WPIDS

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TI Novel superantigens from streptococcus pyogenes useful for genotyping streptococcus pyogenes clones expressing SMEZ -2 and for diagnosing a Kawasaki syndrome.

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AU 2000019010 A Based on WO 200039159; EP 1141000 A1 Based on WO 200039159; JP 2002535966 W Based on WO 200039159 PRAI NZ 1998-333589 19981224 WO 200039159 A UPAB: 20000818 NOVELTY - A superantigen (I) SMEZ-2, SPE-G, SPE-H or SPE-J, or its functionally equivalent variant, is new. DETAILED DESCRIPTION - INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are also included for the following: (1) SMEZ-2, SPE-G, SPE-H, or SPE-J, having a 233, 234, 236, or 137 residue amino acid sequence, respectively, all fully defined in the specification; (2) a polynucleotide (II) encoding (I), having a 702, 705, 711 or 414 nucleotide sequence, all fully defined in the specification, and encoding SMEZ-2, SPE-G, SPE-H, or SPE-J, respectively; (3) a construct (III) comprising (I) and a cell-targeting molecule; (4) a pharmaceutical composition comprising (III); (5) an antibody (IV) which binds to (I); (6) a nucleic acid molecule (V) which hybridizes to (II); and (7) a kit which includes (II). ACTIVITY - Cytostatic. No biological data given. MECHANISM OF ACTION - T cell mitogens. USE - (I) or (II) is used for subtyping Streptococci (claimed). They are also used for diagnosing a disease which is caused or mediated by expression of (I), in which the presence of (I) or (II) is detected by (IV) or (V), respectively, (claimed). The superantigens are used in diagnosis of disease such as Kawasaki syndrome. (II) can be used to design probes and primers for probing or amplifying parts of the smez-2, spe-g, spe-h, spe-j genes. They are also useful to recruit and activate T cells in a relatively non-specific fashion since they bind a large number of T cell receptor molecules by binding to the V beta domain. The constructs are useful in cancer therapy. Dwq.0/13L7 ANSWER 6 OF 9 BIOTECHDS COPYRIGHT 2003 THOMSON DERWENT AND ISI AN 2000-12141 BIOTECHDS TI Novel superantigens from Streptococcus sp. pyogenes useful for genotyping Streptococcus pyogenes clones expressing SMEZ-2 and for diagnosing a Kawasaki syndrome; recombinant superantigen production and DNA probe, DNA primer and antibody for Kawasaki syndrome and disease diagnosis and therapy ΑU Fraser J D; Proft T PA Auckland-Uniservices LO Auckland, New Zealand. PΙ WO 2000039159 6 Jul 2000 ΑI WO 1999-NZ228 24 Dec 1999 PRAI NZ 1998-333589 24 Dec 1998 DTPatent LΑ English OS WPI: 2000-452370 [39] AB A Streptococcus pyogenes superantigen (I) SMEZ-2, SPE-G, SPE-H or SPE-J, or its functionally equivalent variant, is claimed. Also claimed are: SMEZ-2, SPE-G, SPE-H or SPE-J, having a 233, 234, 236 or 137 amino acid protein sequence (specified), respectively; a DNA (II) encoding (I), having a 702, 705, 711 or 414 DNA sequence (specified), and encoding SMEZ-2, SPE-G, SPE-H or SPE-J, respectively; a construct (III) with (I) and a cell-targeting molecule; a pharmaceutical composition with (III); an antibody (IV) which binds to (I); a DNA probe (V) which hybridizes to (II); and a kit which has (II). (I) or (II) is used for subtyping streptococci. They are also used for diagnosing disease which is

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used in diagnosis of disease such as Kawasaki syndrome. (II) can be used to design DNA probes and DNA primers for probing or amplifying parts of the smez-2, spe-g, spe-h, spe-j genes. They are also useful to recruit and activate T-lymphocytes in a relatively non-specific manner. The constructs are useful in cancer therapy. (72pp)

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- DN PREV200000293069
- TI The streptococcal superantigen SMEZ exhibits wide allelic variation, mosaic structure, and significant antigenic variation.
- AU **Proft, Thomas**; Moffatt, S. Louise; Weller, Kylie D.; Paterson, A.; Martin, Diana; **Fraser, John D.** (1)
- CS (1) Department of Molecular Medicine, School of Medicine, University of Auckland, Auckland New Zealand
- SO Journal of Experimental Medicine, (May 15, 2000) Vol. 191, No. 10, pp. 1765-1776. print.
 ISSN: 0022-1007.
- DT Article
- LA English
- SL English
- AB The frequencies of the newly identified streptococcal superantigen genes smez, spe-g, and spe-h were
 determined in a panel of 103 clinical isolates collected between 1976 and 1998 at various locations throughout New Zealand. smez and spe-q were found in every group A Streptococcus (GAS) isolate, suggesting a chromosomal location. The spe-h gene was found in only 24% of the GAS isolates and is probably located on a mobile DNA element. The smez gene displays extensive allelic variation and appears to be in linkage equilibrium with the M/emm type. 22 novel smez alleles were identified from 21 different M/emm types in addition to the already reported alleles smez and smez-2 with sequence identities between 94.5 and 99.9%. Three alleles are nonfunctional due to a single base pair deletion. The remaining 21 alleles encode distinct SMEZ variants. The mosaic structure of the smez gene suggests that this polymorphism has arisen from homologous recombination events rather than random point mutation. The recently resolved SMEZ-2 crystal structure shows that the polymorphic residues are mainly surface exposed and scattered over the entire protein. The allelic variation did not affect either Vbeta specificity or potency, but did result in significant antigenic differences. Neutralizing antibody responses of individual human sera against different SMEZ variants varied significantly. 98% of sera completely neutralized SMEZ-1, but only 85% neutralized SMEZ-2, a very potent variant that has not yet been found in any New Zealand isolate. SMEZ-specific Vbeta8 activity was found in culture supernatants of 66% of the GAS isolates, indicating a potential base for the development of a SMEZ targeting vaccine.
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- AN 2000:375574 BIOSIS
- DN PREV200000375574
- TI Conservation and variation in **superantigen** structure and activity highlighted by the three-dimensional structures of two new superantigens from **Streptococcus** pyogenes.
- AU Arcus, Vickery L.; Proft, Thomas; Sigrell, Jill A.; Baker, Heather M.; Fraser, John D.; Baker, Edward N. (1)
- CS (1) School of Biological Sciences, University of Auckland, Auckland New Zealand
- SO Journal of Molecular Biology, (26 May, 2000) Vol. 299, No. 1, pp. 157-168. print.

ISSN: 0022-2836.

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LA English

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Bacterial superantigens (SAgs) are a structurally related group of protein AB toxins secreted by Staphylococcus aureus and Streptococcus pyogenes. They are implicated in a range of human pathologies associated with bacterial infection whose symptoms result from SAg-mediated stimulation of a large number (2-20%) of T-cells. At the molecular level, bacterial SAgs bind to major histocompatability class II (MHC-II) molecules and disrupt the normal interaction between MHC-II and T-cell receptors (TCRs). We have determined high-resolution crystal structures of two newly identified streptococcal superantigens, SPE-H and SMEZ-2. Both structures conform to the generic bacterial superantigen folding pattern, comprising an OB-fold N-terminal domain and a beta-grasp C-terminal domain. SPE-H and SMEZ-2 also display very similar zinc-binding sites on the outer concave surfaces of their C-terminal domains. Structural comparisons with other SAgs identify two structural sub-families. Sub-families are related by conserved core residues and demarcated by variable binding surfaces for MHC-II and TCR. SMEZ-2 is most closely related to the streptococcal SAg SPE-C, and together they constitute one structural sub-family. In contrast, SPE-H appears to be a hybrid whose N-terminal domain is most closely related to the SEB sub-family and whose C-terminal domain is most closely related to the SPE-C/SMEZ-2 sub-family. MHC-II binding for both SPE-H and SMEZ-2 is mediated by the zinc ion at their C-terminal face, whereas the generic N-terminal domain MHC-II binding site found on many SAgs appears not to be present. Structural comparisons provide evidence for variations in TCR binding between SPE-H, SMEZ -2 and other members of the SAg family; the extreme potency of SMEZ-2 (active at 10-15 q ml-1 levels) is likely to be related to its TCR binding properties. The smez gene shows allelic variation that maps onto a considerable proportion of the protein surface. This allelic variation, coupled with the varied binding modes of SAgs to MHC-II and TCR, highlights the pressure on SAqs to avoid host immune defences.

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TI Identification and characterization of novel superantigens from **Streptococcus** pyogenes.

AU Proft, Thomas; Moffatt, S. Louise; Berkahn, Celia J.; Fraser, John D. (1)

- CS (1) Dep. Mol. Med., Sch. Med., Univ. Auckland, Private Bag 92019, Auckland New Zealand
- SO Journal of Experimental Medicine, (Jan. 4, 1999) Vol. 189, No. 1, pp. 89-101.
 ISSN: 0022-1007.

DT Article

- LA English
- Three novel streptococcal superantigen genes (spe-g, spe-h, and spe-j) were identified from the Streptococcus pyogenes M1 genomic database at the University of Oklahoma. A fourth novel gene (smez-2) was isolated from the S. pyogenes strain 2035, based on sequence homology to the streptococcal mitogenic exotoxin z (smez) gene. SMEZ-2, SPE-G, and SPE-J are most closely related to SMEZ and streptococcal pyrogenic exotoxin (SPE)-C, whereas SPE-H is most similar to the staphylococcal toxins than to any other streptococcal toxin. Recombinant (r)SMEZ, rSMEZ-2, rSPE-G, and rSPE-H were mitogenic for human peripheral blood lymphocytes with half-maximal responses between 0.02 and 50 pg/ml (rSMEZ-2 and rSPE-H, respectively). SMEZ-2 is the most potent superantigen (SAg) discovered thus far. All

toxins, except rSPE-G, were active on murine T cells, but with reduced potency. Binding to a human B-lymphoblastoid line was shown to be zinc dependent with high binding affinity of 15-65 nM. Evidence from modeled protein structures and competitive binding experiments suggest that high affinity binding of each toxin is to the major histocompatibility complex class II beta chain. Competition for binding between toxins was varied and revealed overlapping but discrete binding to subsets of class 11 molecules in the hierarchical order (SMEZ, SPE-C) > SMEZ-2 > SPE-H > SPE-G. The most common targets for the novel SAgs were human Vbeta2.1- and Vbeta4-expressing T cells. This might reflect a specific role for this subset of Vbetas in the immune defense of gram-positive bacteria.

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    Bacterial superantigen-antibody conjugates for treating human
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    Forsberg, Goeran; Erlandsson, Eva; Antonsson, Per; Walse, Bjoern
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    The present invention relates to compns. and methods of use, wherein the
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    has been modified to decrease seroreactivity with retained
    superantigen activity. The bacterial superantigen is
    staphylococcal enterotoxin (SE), Streptococcus pyogenes exotoxin (SPE),
    Staphylococcus aureus toxic shock-syndrome toxin (TSST-1),
    streptococcal mitogenic exotoxin (SME) or
    superantigen (SSA), Staphylococcal enterotoxin A (SEA) or E (SEE).
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surface structure. The superantigen-antibody conjugates are used for treating lung, breast, colon, kidney, pancreatic, ovarian, stomach, cervix and prostate cancer. The superantigen-antibody conjugates may optionally combine with cytokine such as interleukin esp. interleukin 2 for i.v. administration.

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L10 ANSWER 2 OF 10 USPATFULL 2003:57091 USPATFULL AN Novel engineered superantigen for human therapy TI IN Forsberg, Goran, Eslov, SWEDEN Erlandsson, Eva, Dalby, SWEDEN Antonsson, Per, Lund, SWEDEN Walse, Bjorn, Lund, SWEDEN PΙ US 2003039655 A1 20030227 AΤ US 2001-900766 A1 20010706 (9) SE 2001-2327 20010628 PRAI DT Utility FS APPLICATION FULBRIGHT & JAWORSKI L.L.P., Melissa W. Acosta, Suite 5100, 1301 LREP McKinney, Houston, TX, 77010-3095 CLMN Number of Claims: 92 ECL Exemplary Claim: 1 DRWN 11 Drawing Page(s) LN.CNT 2525 AB The present invention relates to compositions and methods of use,

wherein the composition comprises a conjugate of a bacterial superantigen and an antibody moiety. More particularly, the bacterial superantigen has been modified to decrease seroreactivity with retained superantigen activity.

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- (1) Department of Infectious Diseases, Faculty of Medicine, Hammersmith CS Hospital, Imperial College School of Science, Technology, and Medicine, Du Cane Road, London, W12 ONN: s.sriskandan@ic.ac.uk UK
- SO Journal of Immunology, (September 1, 2002) Vol. 169, No. 5, pp. 2561-2569. http://www.jimmunol.org/. print. ISSN: 0022-1767.
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cell subsets. Expression of SMEZ did not affect bacterial clearance or survival from peritoneal streptococcal infection in HLA-DQ8 mice, though effects of SMEZ on pharyngeal infection are unknown. Infection did lead to a rise in Vbeta11+ T cells in the spleen which was partly reversed by disruption of the smez gene. Most strikingly, a clear rise in murine Vbeta4+ cells was seen in mice infected with the smez- mutant S. pyogenes strain, indicating a potential role for SMEZ as a repressor of cognate anti-streptococcal responses.

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- Pyrogenicity and cytokine-inducing properties of Streptococcus pyogenes superantigens: Comparative study of streptococcal mitogenic exotoxin Z and pyrogenic exotoxin A.
- ΑU Muller-Alouf, Heide; Proft, Thomas; Zollner, Thomas M.; Gerlach, Dieter; Champagne, Eric; Desreumaux, Pierre; Fitting, Catherine; Geoffroy-Fauvet, Christiane; Alouf, Joseph E.; Cavaillon, Jean-Marc (1)
- (1) Department of Physiopathology, Institut Pasteur, 28 Rue Docteur Roux, CS
- 75015, Paris: jmcavail@pasteur.fr France Infection and Immunity, (June, 2001) Vol. 69, No. 6, pp. 4141-4145. print. SO ISSN: 0019-9567.
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- AB Streptococcal mitogenic exotoxin Z (SMEZ), a superantigen derived from Streptococcus pyogenes, provoked expansion of human lymphocytes expressing the Vbeta 2, 4, 7 and 8 motifs of T-cell receptor. SMEZ was pyrogenic in rabbits and stimulated the expression of the T-cell activation markers CD69 and cutaneous lymphocyte-associated antigen. A variety of cytokines was released by human mononuclear leukocytes stimulated with SMEZ, which was 10-fold more active than streptococcal pyrogenic exotoxin A. Th2-derived cytokines were elicited only by superantigens and not by streptococcal cells.
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- 2001:195993 BIOSIS AN

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- TIFunctional characterization of streptococcal pyrogenic exotoxin J, a novel superantigen.
- McCormick, John K.; Pragman, Alexa A.; Stolpa, John C.; Leung, Donald Y. ΑIJ M.; Schlievert, Patrick M. (1)
- CS (1) Department of Microbiology, University of Minnesota Medical School, 420 Delaware St., S.E, Minneapolis, MN, 55455: pats@lenti.med.umn.edu USA
- SO Infection and Immunity, (March, 2001) Vol. 69, No. 3, pp. 1381-1388. print.
- DTArticle
- LA English
- SL English
- AB Streptococcal toxic syndrome (STSS) is a highly lethal, acute-onset illness that is a subset of invasive streptococcal disease. The majority of clinical STSS cases have been associated with the pyrogenic toxin superantigens (PTSAgs) streptococcal pyrogenic exotoxin A or C (SPE A or C), although cases have been reported that are not associated with either of these exotoxins. Recent genome sequencing projects have revealed a number of open reading frames that potentially encode proteins with similarity to SPEs A and C and to other PTSAgs. Here, we describe the cloning, expression, purification, and functional characterization of a novel exotoxin termed streptococcal pyrogenic exotoxin J (SPE J). Purified recombinant SPE J (rSPE J) expressed from Escherichia coli stimulated the

expansion of both rabbit splenocytes and human peripheral blood lymphocytes, preferentially expanded human T cells displaying Vbeta2, -3, -12, -14, and -17 on their T-cell receptors, and was active at concentrations as low as 5 X 10-6 mug/ml. Furthermore, rSPE J induced fevers in rabbits and was lethal in two models of STSS. Biochemically, SPE J had a predicted molecular weight of 24,444 and an isoelectric point of 7.7 and lacked the ability to form the cystine loop structure characteristic of many PTSAgs. SPE J shared 19.6, 47.1, 38.8, 18.1, 19.6, and 24.4% identify with SPEs A, C, G, and H, streptococcal superantigen, and streptococcal mitogenic exotoxin Z-2, respectively, and was immunologically cross-reactive with SPE C. The characterization of a seventh functional streptococcal PTSAg raises important questions relating to the evolution of the streptococcal superantigens.

- L10 ANSWER 6 OF 10 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT 2003 BIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS INC.
- AN 2002:293446 BIOSIS
- DN PREV200200293446
- TI Evidence for **superantigen** involvement in severe group A streptococcal tissue infections.
- AU Norrby-Teglund, Anna (1); Thulin, Pontus; Gan, Bing S.; Kotb, Malak; McGeer, Allison; Andersson, Jan; Low, Donald E.
- CS (1) Center for Infectious Medicine, Karolinska Institutet, Dept. of Medicine-I63, Huddinge University Hospital, SE-141 86, Stockholm: Anna.Norrby-Teglund@medhs.ki.se Sweden
- SO Journal of Infectious Diseases, (1 October, 2001) Vol. 184, No. 7, pp. 853-860. print.
 ISSN: 0022-1899.
- DT Article
- LA English
- AB Host-pathogen interactions were studied in tissue biopsy samples from patients with severe invasive group A streptococcus (GAS) infections. Skin, subcutaneous tissue, and fascia biopsy samples were divided into clinical grade 1 (no evidence of inflammation (n = 7)) or clinical grade 2 (inflamed tissue-erythema and edema including cellulitis, fasciitis, and necrotizing fasciitis (n = 24)). In situ imaging demonstrated significantly higher bacterial load in biopsy samples of higher clinical grade (P < .05), and the bacterial load correlated with the in vivo expression of the superantigen streptococcal pyrogenic exotoxin F (P < .02). Increased expression of the interleukin-1 cytokines and significantly higher expression of tumor necrosis factor-beta, interferon-gamma, and the homing receptors CC chemokine receptor 5, CD44, and cutaneous lymphocyte-associated antigen (P < .002-.05) were observed in biopsy samples of higher clinical grade. Thus, the cytokine profile at the local site of infection mimics that of a typical superantigen cytokine response. The findings of this study demonstrate a critical role for superantigens and Th1 cytokines in GAS tissue infections.
- L10 ANSWER 7 OF 10 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT 2003 BIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS INC.
- AN 2002:188931 BIOSIS
- DN PREV200200188931
- TI Molecular analysis of the immunological role of streptococcal mitogenic exotoxin Z.
- AU Unnikrishnan, M. (1); Altmann, D. (1); Proft, T.; Fraser, J. D.; Cohen, J. (1); Sriskandan, S. (1)
- CS (1) Imperial College School of Medicine, London UK
- SO Abstracts of the General Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology, (2001) Vol. 101, pp. 280. http://www.asmusa.org/mtgsrc/generalmeeting.htm.print.
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- DT Conference

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Streptococcal mitogenic exotoxin Z is the most potent bacterial superantigen discovered to date. The biological function of SMEZ is unclear, but it may play a critical role in streptococcal pathogenesis; the gene is present in all strains studied and demonstrates extensive allelic variation. Aim: To characterize the immunological role of SMEZ in vitro and in vivo. Methods: SmeZ was insertionally inactivated in a clinical Streptococcus pyogenes strain, H293, to create strain H377. Proliferation of human PBMC, murine BALB/c, and HLA class II transgenic mouse splenocytes in response to purified rSMEZ, SMEZ+ and SMEZ-culture supernatants was measured by thymidine incorporation. Analysis of TCR Vbeta bearing T cell populations was performed by flow cytometry in human and murine cells. Mice were infected i.p. with either H293 or H377 and TCR Vbeta repertoire changes in spleen T cells were measured following infection. Results: Targeted disruption of smeZ was confirmed by Southern hybridisation and PCR. Despite the low level of expression of SMEZ in H293, disruption of smeZ led to a six-fold diminution of T cell proliferation in supernatant-stimulated human PBMC and a specific reduction in expansion of Vbeta8+ T cells. BALB/c mice splenocytes were poorly responsive to rSMEZ and did not proliferate in response to H293 or H377 supernatant. HLA-DQ transgenic murine spleen cells were highly responsive to rSMEZ compared with wild type and HLA-DR transgenic mice cells. HLA-DQ spleen cells were also highly responsive to H293 supernatant; proliferation was abolished by disruption of smeZ rSMEZ caused specific expansion of murine TCR Vbetall+ (human TCR Vbeta8 gene homolog) T cells. In vivoexperiments demonstrated expansion of mTCR Vbetall cells following infection with H293 in spleen; this expansion was significantly reduced in mice infected with H377 in the spleen, confirming that SMEZ can cause a superantigen effect in vivo, in invasive murine streptococcal sepsis. Conclusion: We clearly demonstrate the potency and TCR Vbeta-specific effects of SMEZ. Our results suggest a definite role for this superantigen in streptococcal pathogenesis.

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TI Purification and biochemical characterization of a basic superantigen (SPEX/SMEZ3) from Streptococcus pyogenes

AU Gerlach, D.; Fleischer, B.; Wagner, M.; Schmidt, K.-H.; Vettermann, S.; Reichardt, W.

CS Institute of Medical Microbiology, Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena, Jena, D-07740, Germany

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AB A potent basic superantigen (designated streptococcal pyrogenic exotoxin X, SPEX/SMEZ3) was purified to homogeneity from culture supernatants of a Streptococcus pyogenes scarlatina strain of type 12 (genotype speA-, speC-) and characterized. Sequence alignments revealed SPEX to be an allele of the streptococcal mitogens type Z (SMEZ). The N-terminal amino acid sequence of SPEX was found with LEVDNNSLLR to be identical to the recently described acidic superantigen SMEZ. Although SPEX/SMEZ genes were present in all of the streptococcal strains tested, a toxin prodn. could only be detected in a small no. of strains. The produced toxin concn. in the culture supernatants of pos. strains differed between 0 and 20 ng ml-1. The purified SPEX stimulated human T-lymphocytes with V.beta.8 specificity at extremely low concns. (lower than 100 pg ml-1).

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- AN 1999:98436 BIOSIS
- DN PREV199900098436
- TI Identification and characterization of novel superantigens from Streptococcus pyogenes.
- AU Proft, Thomas; Moffatt, S. Louise; Berkahn, Celia J.; Fraser, John D. (1)
- CS (1) Dep. Mol. Med., Sch. Med., Univ. Auckland, Private Bag 92019, Auckland New Zealand
- SO Journal of Experimental Medicine, (Jan. 4, 1999) Vol. 189, No. 1, pp. 89-101.
 ISSN: 0022-1007.

Three novel streptococcal superantigen genes (spe-g, spe-h, and

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- LA English

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spe-j) were identified from the Streptococcus pyogenes M1 genomic database at the University of Oklahoma. A fourth novel gene (smez-2) was isolated from the S. pyogenes strain 2035, based on sequence homology to the streptococcal mitogenic exotoxin z (smez) gene. SMEZ-2, SPE-G, and SPE-J are most closely related to SMEZ and streptococcal pyrogenic exotoxin (SPE)-C, whereas SPE-H is most similar to the staphylococcal toxins than to any other streptococcal toxin. Recombinant (r) SMEZ, rSMEZ-2, rSPE-G, and rSPE-H were mitogenic for human peripheral blood lymphocytes with half-maximal responses between 0.02 and 50 pg/ml (rSMEZ-2 and rSPE-H, respectively). SMEZ-2 is the most potent superantigen (SAg) discovered thus far. All toxins, except rSPE-G, were active on murine T cells, but with reduced potency. Binding to a human B-lymphoblastoid line was shown to be zinc dependent with high binding affinity of 15-65 nM. Evidence from modeled protein structures and competitive binding experiments suggest that high affinity binding of each toxin is to the major histocompatibility complex class II beta chain. Competition for binding between toxins was varied and revealed overlapping

but discrete binding to subsets of class 11 molecules in the hierarchical order (SMEZ, SPE-C) > SMEZ-2 > SPE-H > SPE-G. The most common targets for the novel SAgs were human Vbeta2.1- and Vbeta4-expressing T cells. This might reflect a specific role for this subset of Vbetas in the immune

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- AN 97286629 EMBASE
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- TI Streptococcal mitogenic exotoxin Z, a novel acidic superantigenic toxin produced by a T1 strain of Streptococcus pyogenes.
- AU Kamezawa Y.; Nakahara T.; Nakano S.; Abe Y.; Nozaki-Renard J.; Isono T.
- CS Y. Abe, Department of Pathology, Teikyo Univ. School of Medicine, Kaga 2-11-1, Itabashi-ku, Tokyo 173, Japan. a125025y@med.teikyo-u.ac.jp
- SO Infection and Immunity, (1997) 65/9 (3828-3833).
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defense of gram-positive bacteria.

- CY United States
- DT Journal; Article
- FS 004 Microbiology
- LA English
- SL English
- AB Streptococcus pyogenes T1 was previously found to produce an acidic mitogenic exotoxin, designated A.beta., antigenically distinct from erythrogenic toxin type A (ETA) of strains T1 and NY5. Following chemical analysis and biological characterization, we have renamed this toxin streptococcal mitogenic exotoxin Z (SMEZ).
 - Physicochemical separation of SMEZ from ETA was successfully performed on a hydrophobic chromatograph. The isoelectric point was pH 5.3, and the

molecular size was estimated to be 28 kDa. These values were similar to those of ETA, but the amino acid composition and the NH2-terminal sequence of SMEZ were distinct from those of any mitogenic exotoxins hitherto described. Its mitogenic activity was found to be more potent than that of ETA in rabbit lymphocyte cultures. A specific antiserum raised against SMEZ did not cross- react with ETA, ETB, or ETC in the neutralization tests of mitogenic and erythrogenic activities. Its superantigenic nature was evident from the reverse transcriptase PCR findings of the T- cell receptor V.beta. profiles of rabbit lymphocytes stimulated in vitro. The V.beta. 8 subfamily was unique to SMEZ, while the V.beta. 2 and 6 subfamilies were found to be common among lymphocytes stimulated with ETA, ETB, ETC, or SMEZ. The results from this study provide an additional example of the diversity that exists among mitogenic or superantigenic exotoxins of streptococcal origin.

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- TI Two novel superantigens found in both group a and group C streptococcus.
- AU **Proft Thomas**; Webb Phillip D; Handley Vanessa; **Fraser John** D
- CS Department of Molecular Medicine and Pathology, Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand.
- SO INFECTION AND IMMUNITY, (2003 Mar) 71 (3) 1361-9. Journal code: 0246127. ISSN: 0019-9567.
- CY United States
- DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)
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 AB Two novel streptococcal superantigen genes (speL(Se)
 - and speM(Se)) were identified from the Streptococcus equi genome database at the Sanger Center. Genotyping of 8 S. equi isolates and 40 Streptococcus pyogenes isolates resulted in the detection of the orthologous genes speL and speM in a restricted number of S. pyogenes isolates (15 and 5%, respectively). Surprisingly, the novel superantigen genes could not be found in any of the analyzed S. equi isolates. The results suggest that both genes are located on a mobile element that enables gene transfer between individual isolates and between streptococci from different Lancefield groups. S. equi pyrogenic exotoxin L (SPE-L(Se))/streptococcal pyrogenic exotoxin L (SPE-L) and SPE-M(Se)/SPE-M are most closely related to SMEZ, SPE-C, SPE-G, and SPE-J, but build a separate branch within this group. Recombinant SPE-L (rSPE-L) and rSPE-M were highly mitogenic for human peripheral blood lymphocytes, with half-maximum responses at 1 and 10 pg/ml, respectively. The results from competitive binding experiments suggest that both proteins bind major histocompatibility complex class II at the beta-chain, but not at the alpha-chain. The most common targets for both toxins were human Vbetal.1 expressing T cells. Seroconversion against

SPE-L and SPE-M was observed in healthy blood donors, suggesting that the toxins are expressed in vivo. Interestingly, the speL gene is highly associated with S. pyogenes M89, a serotype that is linked to acute rheumatic fever in New Zealand.

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- SO Journal of Immunology, (September 1, 2002) Vol. 169, No. 5, pp. 2561-2569.
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- DN PREV200200188931
- TI Molecular analysis of the immunological role of **streptococcal** mitogenic exotoxin Z.
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- DT Conference
- LA English
- AB Streptococcal mitogenic exotoxin Z is the most potent bacterial superantigen discovered to date. The biological function of SMEZ is unclear, but it may play a critical role in streptococcal pathogenesis; the gene is present in all strains studied and demonstrates extensive allelic variation. Aim: To characterize the immunological role of SMEZ in vitro and in vivo. Methods: SmeZ was insertionally inactivated in a clinical Streptococcus pyogenes strain, H293, to create strain H377. Proliferation of human PBMC, murine BALB/c, and HLA class II transgenic mouse splenocytes in response to purified rSMEZ, SMEZ+ and SMEZ-culture supernatants was measured by thymidine incorporation. Analysis of TCR Vbeta bearing T cell populations was performed by flow cytometry in human and murine cells. Mice were infected i.p. with either H293 or H377 and TCR Vbeta repertoire changes in spleen T cells were measured following infection. Results: Targeted disruption of smeZ was confirmed by Southern hybridisation and PCR. Despite the low level of expression of SMEZ in H293, disruption of smeZ led to a six-fold diminution of T cell proliferation in supernatant-stimulated human PBMC and a specific reduction in expansion of Vbeta8+ T cells. BALB/c mice splenocytes were poorly responsive to rSMEZ and did not proliferate in response to H293 or H377 supernatant. HLA-DQ transgenic murine spleen cells were highly responsive to rSMEZ compared with wild type and HLA-DR transgenic mice cells. HLA-DQ spleen cells were also highly responsive to H293 supernatant; proliferation was abolished by disruption of smeZ rSMEZ caused specific expansion of murine TCR Vbetall+ (human TCR Vbeta8 gene homolog) T cells. In vivoexperiments demonstrated expansion of mTCR Vbetall cells following infection with H293 in spleen; this expansion was significantly reduced in mice infected with H377 in the spleen, confirming that SMEZ can cause a superantigen effect in vivo, in invasive murine streptococcal sepsis. Conclusion: We clearly demonstrate the potency and TCR Vbeta-specific effects of SMEZ. Our results suggest a definite role for this superantigen in streptococcal pathogenesis.

ANSWER 5 OF 9 WPIDS (C) 2003 THOMSON DERWENT DUPLICATE 3 L1 1 2000-452370 [39] WPIDS AN DNC C2000-137919 Novel superantigens from streptococcus pyogenes useful for ΤI genotyping streptococcus pyogenes clones expressing SMEZ -2 and for diagnosing a Kawasaki syndrome. DC B04 D16 FRASER, J D; PROFT, T IN (AUCK-N) AUCKLAND UNISERVICES LTD PA CYC PΙ WO 2000039159 A1 20000706 (200039)* EN 72p RW: AT BE CH CY DE DK EA ES FI FR GB GH GM GR IE IT KE LS LU MC MW NL OA PT SD SE SL SZ TZ UG ZW W: AE AL AM AT AU AZ BA BB BG BR BY CA CH CN CR CU CZ DE DK DM EE ES FI GB GD GE GH GM HR HU ID IL IN IS JP KE KG KP KR KZ LC LK LR LS LT LU LV MA MD MG MK MN MW MX NO NZ PL PT RO RU SD SE SG SI SK SL TJ TM TR TT TZ UA UG US UZ VN YU ZA ZW AU 2000019010 A 20000731 (200050) EP 1141000 A1 20011010 (200167) R: AL AT BE CH CY DE DK ES FI FR GB GR IE IT LI LT LU LV MC MK NL PT RO SE SI JP 2002535966 W 20021029 (200274) 89p ADT WO 2000039159 A1 WO 1999-NZ228 19991224; AU 2000019010 A AU 2000-19010 19991224; EP 1141000 A1 EP 1999-962603 19991224, WO 1999-NZ228 19991224; JP 2002535966 W WO 1999-NZ228 19991224, JP 2000-591070 19991224 AU 2000019010 A Based on WO 200039159; EP 1141000 A1 Based on WO 200039159; JP 2002535966 W Based on WO 200039159 PRAI NZ 1998-333589 19981224 WO 200039159 A UPAB: 20000818 NOVELTY - A superantigen (I) SMEZ-2, SPE-G, SPE-H or SPE-J, or its functionally equivalent variant, is new. DETAILED DESCRIPTION - INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are also included for the following: (1) SMEZ-2, SPE-G, SPE-H, or SPE-J, having a 233, 234, 236, or 137 residue amino acid sequence, respectively, all fully defined in the specification; (2) a polynucleotide (II) encoding (I), having a 702, 705, 711 or 414 nucleotide sequence, all fully defined in the specification, and encoding SMEZ-2, SPE-G, SPE-H, or SPE-J, respectively; (3) a construct (III) comprising (I) and a cell-targeting molecule; (4) a pharmaceutical composition comprising (III); (5) an antibody (IV) which binds to (I); (6) a nucleic acid molecule (V) which hybridizes to (II); and (7) a kit which includes (II). ACTIVITY - Cytostatic. No biological data given. MECHANISM OF ACTION - T cell mitogens. USE - (I) or (II) is used for subtyping Streptococci (claimed). They are also used for diagnosing a disease which is caused or mediated by expression of (I), in which the presence of (I) or (II) is detected by (IV) or (V), respectively, (claimed). The superantigens are used in diagnosis of disease such as Kawasaki syndrome. (II) can be used to design probes and primers for probing or amplifying parts of the smez-2, spe-q, spe-h, spe-j genes. They are also useful to recruit and activate T cells in a relatively non-specific fashion since they bind a large number of T cell receptor molecules by binding to the V beta domain. The constructs are useful in cancer therapy. Dwg. 0/13 L11ANSWER 6 OF 9 BIOTECHDS COPYRIGHT 2003 THOMSON DERWENT AND ISI AN 2000-12141 BIOTECHDS TI

Novel superantigens from Streptococcus sp. pyogenes useful for

genotyping Streptococcus pyogenes clones expressing SMEZ-2 and for diagnosing a Kawasaki syndrome;

recombinant **superantigen** production and DNA probe, DNA primer and antibody for Kawasaki syndrome and disease diagnosis and therapy

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 - A Streptococcus pyogenes superantigen (I) SMEZ-2, SPE-G, SPE-H or SPE-J, or its functionally equivalent variant, is claimed. Also claimed are: SMEZ-2, SPE-G, SPE-H or SPE-J, having a 233, 234, 236 or 137 amino acid protein sequence (specified), respectively; a DNA (II) encoding (I), having a 702, 705, 711 or 414 DNA sequence (specified), and encoding SMEZ-2, SPE-G, SPE-H or SPE-J, respectively; a construct (III) with (I) and a cell-targeting molecule; a pharmaceutical composition with (III); an antibody (IV) which binds to (I); a DNA probe (V) which hybridizes to (II); and a kit which has (II). (I) or (II) is used for subtyping streptococci. They are also used for diagnosing disease which is caused or mediated by expression of (I), in which the presence of (I) or (II) is detected by (IV) or (V), respectively. The superantigens are used in diagnosis of disease such as Kawasaki syndrome. (II) can be used to design DNA probes and DNA primers for probing or amplifying parts of the smez-2, spe-g, spe-h, spe-j genes. They are also useful to recruit and activate T-lymphocytes in a relatively non-specific manner. The constructs are useful in cancer therapy. (72pp)
- L11 ANSWER 7 OF 9 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT 2003 BIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS INC.DUPLICATE 4
- AN 2000:293069 BIOSIS
- DN PREV200000293069
- TI The streptococcal superantigen SMEZ exhibits wide allelic variation, mosaic structure, and significant antigenic variation.
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- SO Journal of Experimental Medicine, (May 15, 2000) Vol. 191, No. 10, pp. 1765-1776. print. ISSN: 0022-1007.
- DT Article
- LA English
- SL English
- AB The frequencies of the newly identified streptococcal superantigen genes smez, spe-g, and spe-h were determined in a panel of 103 clinical isolates collected between 1976 and 1998 at various locations throughout New Zealand. smez and spe-g were found in every group A Streptococcus (GAS) isolate, suggesting a chromosomal location. The spe-h gene was found in only 24% of the GAS isolates and is probably located on a mobile DNA element. The smez gene displays extensive allelic variation and appears to be in linkage equilibrium with the M/emm type. 22 novel smez alleles were identified from 21 different M/emm types in addition to the already reported alleles smez and smez-2 with sequence identities between 94.5 and 99.9%. Three alleles are nonfunctional due to a single base pair deletion. The remaining 21 alleles encode distinct SMEZ variants. The mosaic structure of the smez gene suggests that this polymorphism has arisen from homologous recombination events rather than random point mutation. The recently resolved

SMEZ-2 crystal structure shows that the polymorphic residues are mainly surface exposed and scattered over the entire protein. The allelic variation did not affect either Vbeta specificity or potency, but did result in significant antigenic differences. Neutralizing antibody responses of individual human sera against different SMEZ variants varied significantly. 98% of sera completely neutralized SMEZ-1, but only 85% neutralized SMEZ-2, a very potent variant that has not yet been found in any New Zealand isolate. SMEZ-specific Vbeta8 activity was found in culture supernatants of 66% of the GAS isolates, indicating a potential base for the development of a SMEZ targeting vaccine.

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- AN 2000:375574 BIOSIS
- DN PREV200000375574
- TI Conservation and variation in **superantigen** structure and activity highlighted by the three-dimensional structures of two new superantigens from **Streptococcus** pyogenes.
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- SO Journal of Molecular Biology, (26 May, 2000) Vol. 299, No. 1, pp. 157-168. print.
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- DT Article
- LA English
- SL English
- AB Bacterial superantigens (SAgs) are a structurally related group of protein toxins secreted by Staphylococcus aureus and Streptococcus pyogenes. They are implicated in a range of human pathologies associated with bacterial infection whose symptoms result from SAq-mediated stimulation of a large number (2-20%) of T-cells. At the molecular level, bacterial SAgs bind to major histocompatability class II (MHC-II) molecules and disrupt the normal interaction between MHC-II and T-cell receptors (TCRs). We have determined high-resolution crystal structures of two newly identified streptococcal superantigens, SPE-H and SMEZ-2. Both structures conform to the generic bacterial superantigen folding pattern, comprising an OB-fold N-terminal domain and a beta-grasp C-terminal domain. SPE-H and SMEZ-2 also display very similar zinc-binding sites on the outer concave surfaces of their C-terminal domains. Structural comparisons with other SAgs identify two structural sub-families. Sub-families are related by conserved core residues and demarcated by variable binding surfaces for MHC-II and TCR. SMEZ-2 is most closely related to the streptococcal SAg SPE-C, and together they constitute one structural sub-family. In contrast, SPE-H appears to be a hybrid whose N-terminal domain is most closely related to the SEB sub-family and whose C-terminal domain is most closely related to the SPE-C/SMEZ-2 sub-family. MHC-II binding for both SPE-H and SMEZ-2 is mediated by the zinc ion at their C-terminal face, whereas the generic N-terminal domain MHC-II binding site found on many SAgs appears not to be present. Structural comparisons provide evidence for variations in TCR binding between SPE-H, SMEZ -2 and other members of the SAg family; the extreme potency of SMEZ-2 (active at 10-15 g ml-1 levels) is likely to be related to its TCR binding properties. The smez gene shows allelic variation that maps onto a considerable proportion of the protein surface. This allelic variation, coupled with the varied binding modes of SAqs to MHC-II and TCR, highlights the pressure on SAqs to avoid host immune defences.
- L11 ANSWER 9 OF 9 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT 2003 BIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS INC.DUPLICATE 6 AN 1999:98436 BIOSIS

- DN PREV199900098436
- TI Identification and characterization of novel superantigens from **Streptococcus** pyogenes.
- AU Proft, Thomas; Moffatt, S. Louise; Berkahn, Celia J.; Fraser, John D. (1)
- CS (1) Dep. Mol. Med., Sch. Med., Univ. Auckland, Private Bag 92019, Auckland New Zealand
- SO Journal of Experimental Medicine, (Jan. 4, 1999) Vol. 189, No. 1, pp. 89-101.
 ISSN: 0022-1007.
- DT Article
- LA English
- AB Three novel streptococcal superantigen genes (spe-g, spe-h, and spe-j) were identified from the Streptococcus pyogenes M1 genomic database at the University of Oklahoma. A fourth novel gene (smez-2) was isolated from the S. pyogenes strain 2035, based on sequence homology to the streptococcal mitogenic exotoxin z (smez) gene. SMEZ-2, SPE-G, and SPE-J are most closely related to SMEZ and streptococcal pyrogenic exotoxin (SPE)-C, whereas SPE-H is most similar to the staphylococcal toxins than to any other streptococcal toxin. Recombinant (r) SMEZ, rSMEZ-2, rSPE-G, and rSPE-H were mitogenic for human peripheral blood lymphocytes with half-maximal responses between 0.02 and 50 pg/ml (rSMEZ-2 and rSPE-H, respectively). SMEZ-2 is the most potent superantiqen (SAg) discovered thus far. All toxins, except rSPE-G, were active on murine T cells, but with reduced potency. Binding to a human B-lymphoblastoid line was shown to be zinc dependent with high binding affinity of 15-65 nM. Evidence from modeled protein structures and competitive binding experiments suggest that high affinity binding of each toxin is to the major histocompatibility complex class II beta chain. Competition for binding between toxins was varied and revealed overlapping but discrete binding to subsets of class 11 molecules in the hierarchical order (SMEZ, SPE-C) > SMEZ-2 > SPE-H > SPE-G. The most common targets for the novel SAqs were human Vbeta2.1- and Vbeta4-expressing T cells. This might reflect a specific role for this subset of Vbetas in the immune defense of gram-positive bacteria.

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